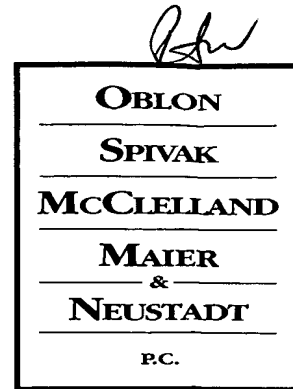




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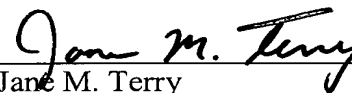
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement and  
Supplemental Preliminary Amendment**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2004, and prior to examination on the merits, Applicants file herewith a Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement and a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants elect, with traverse, **Group IV (claim 21)** for further prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicants further elect, with traverse, a hollow fiber as the type of fiber, for examination purposes only. Applicants also elect, with traverse, a "polymer consisting of one or more or more kinds of ingredients listed in groups i-iv," as the biological substance, for examination purposes only. Claims 1-59, as they read on the elected species, are subject to examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** and Response to Restriction Requirement begin on page 12 of this paper.